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From the Desk of the President



FRATERNAL ORDER OF MEDICINE

In the spirit of our medical heritage, it is a pleasure to serve our medical society. We are all granted an opportunity to play some role in this medical family and, like all family life, some give it more attention than others. It is entirely voluntary and I would not coerce those who are not so disposed, but I certainly want to make every physician welcome and very much "wanted" in the Mahoning County Medical Society because the ones who have the fun are the ones who actually play the game.

It is my intent that all facts of any issue will be heard and considered. In all organizations there are some who become estranged because their views are not accepted on a given occasion and some have even given up their place in this family life. Please remember that those who have continued have had many of their ideas rejected, but have stayed to share another experience. I am proud of the Mahoning County Medical Society because it has had the guts to take important positions and stand by its decisions. Not all have been correct but a great many of the important ones have been proven right in the course of time. Your society is respected by its peers for its sincerity and hard work. Such decisions, to be well made, must have full input by our membership with careful analysis of that information by the appropriate committee. To assure proper medical guidance in Mahoning County and to introduce leadership for the OSMA & AMA, we need your thoughts, studies, observations and regular participation in order to be fully representative. This is the one place where the cloistered ideas of each hospital and small groups find general expression. It also is a delight to see our fellow physicians a few times a year in the medical society setting. The one bond we all have is the Medical Art. I would hope that we can preserve it as a profession in contrast to the governmental and non-medical pressure to assign the shallow classification of "Medical Providers".

I believe that our common interest in medicine is so important that we should have some intellectual pearl at some of our meetings with CME credit. It is my hope that these will be well worth your time, enjoyable, fully representative and non-competitive with free audience participation in round table fashion. You will also find some new variations in the *Bulletin*. Come on along - - "We are family".

R. M. Kiskaddon, M.D.
President



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Editorial

THE SELLING OF YOUNGSTOWN

I vividly remember the gray Monday morning of September 19, 1977 when the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company announced it was curtailing local activities by about 50 per cent.

Television crews from the three major networks were at the Boardman Corporate Offices when we, at a special superintendent's meeting, were given the word. My ambulance driver's concerned wife called from the west coast when she saw it on the national news. For months afterward, we saw a succession of Japanese and American news persons coming to interview employees.

Other plant closings followed. Unemployment figures mounted. Dire predictions about the area's future were made, particularly with respect to what would happen when unemployment compensation benefits ceased. University studies were undertaken to evaluate the emotional impact on the community.

Much has been written about us. National television last year headlined in a TV newsmagazine the plight of residents. For dramatic purposes, naturally, the reports play upon the important emotional components, while usually neglecting the positive aspects.

Youngstown has had bad publicity on many things including crime. All this has led to a low image of the community. Medical students tell of a list which puts Youngstown in the ten worst places in the country to train. A friend of my daughter works in Columbus and recently was appalled and angry at the way an attorney was tearing down Youngstown until she confronted and informed him. Much of this negativity is promulgated by unknowing, unthinking, unsympathetic and unkind persons.

Many in the community appear to have accepted a pessimistic attitude of the district as the terminal aspect of a social cancer and have become mentally depressed and economically recessed.

But, there are enough viable entities remaining. We have a product to sell and can do it. Labor, management, community, religious and political leaders have spent countless hours in analyzing the problems and in seeking solutions.

Physicians have been strangely silent, and yet, the doctor is supposed to be a teacher, a leader; he has been, in past years, both locally and country-wide. We, as individuals and influential impactors of society, should be more visible now.

There are hopeful signs on the horizon. New plants with diversification are being developed with much local capital. The citizenry increasingly questions public expenditures. Even in the defeat of important levies, office holders are being forced to review their priorities and to find more efficient ways to accomplish goals.

The community is examining itself. We physicians who are making a good living here should be prominent partners in this venture.

There is much of a positive nature to be found in the Youngstown district. We are not a ghost town nor are we going to be!

We have excellent schools.

We have good, viable industry and are beginning to diversify.

We have great technological skills and an excellent labor pool.

We have a good, reputable university.

We have excellent cultural facilities — ballet, libraries, museums, planetarium, playhouse, symphony orchestra, etc.

We have abundant recreational facilities — golf, tennis, fishing, hunting, boating, parks, etc.

We have a wealth of ethnic cultures from which we can and are taking the best and blending together. The International Institute is excellent in this respect.

We are close to urban centers by car or plane to take advantage of facilities not found here, yet we don't have to live there.

We have excellent shopping facilities.

We are blessed with good television and radio to inform and educate us.

We have many good churches of most denominations.

An economic geography text of 1976 places us in the top ten highest average wages in the country.

We have a reasonable climate with four interesting seasons.

Many retirees come back from frustrating distant retirement complexes — to home.

Then we approach the medical arena.

We have good regional hospitals with excellent facilities, constantly improving.

We have good physicians, covering a wide spectrum.

We are associated with a young and exciting medical school which is blazing new trails in medical educational concepts. The students are rating higher than the national average.

We have resident graduates practicing all over the world.

The practicing physicians are doing some things to enhance our image. in addition to practicing good medicine, a number have lectured all over the world as well as nearby. They have done research and written published papers. Some have been on medical school faculties before coming here. Many are on the NEOUCOM faculty now.

But this is not enough. We should be projecting a positive focus on what we are and what we have. Speakers bureaus for lay people, local committees, politics, and the medical society platform are logical mechanisms which are available.

In recent months I have talked with a number of professional visitors and with many students who came for interviews. We were able to surprise them pleasantly about our area. They had heard only negative comments previously. When we have sought reasons for resident candidates bypassing Youngstown, the common comment was "Youngstown is dead. I want to go to a community which will progress and where I might want to practice."

Each of us must do some personal soul-searching and investigation into

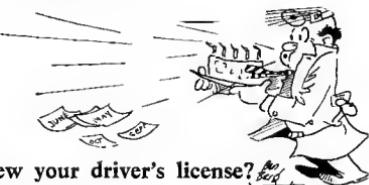
the plus features of the community. An honest evaluation must help us to realize that we *DO* have something good for us and for newcomers.

This realization and the application of it in our dealings must inevitably help us to sell the Youngstown area, because we firmly believe Youngstown is a great place to be!

R. W. Juvancic, M.D.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

December 8, 1981

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, December 8, 1981 at the Youngstown Country Club.

Special guest Ann Przelomski, managing editor of the Youngstown Vindicator, was introduced.

The treasurer's report included the financial status of the lawsuit, which was attached to the agenda sheet, and notice that three members have not paid 1981 dues and will be sent a registered letter requesting payment prior to suspension for non-payment.

The following applications were presented to the censors:

ASSOCIATE

Jerome Hightower, M.D.
William B. Rich, D.O.

ACTIVE

William H. Bunn, Jr. (reinstate)
Brian S. Gordon, M.D.

The applications were approved. The applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category 15 days after publication of the names in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the executive director before that time.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that a recommendation be presented to the membership of the Society that the section calling for payment of accrued assessments by reinstated members be rescinded by amendment of the constitution and bylaws. It was noted the prescribed procedure shall be followed and the executive director was instructed to implement the motion.

A letter from HSA was read, accepting the concept of a liaison committee and setting a meeting of the committee for Dec. 10 at noon at the Youngstown Club.

A letter thanking the Society for support of the Library levy, was read.

A letter concerning the YSU Sports Medicine Program, was read.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Dr. W. E. Sovik as a representative of the Society to the Medicolegal Symposium and Conclave in Reno, Nevada in March.

It was reported there is no change in the status of the lawsuit.

Dr. Pichette gave an extensive report of the combined meeting of Districts 5, 6, 11 and 12 that was held Nov. 11 in Medina, Ohio.

Special guest Ann Przelomski gave a talk and answered questions concerning newspaper practices and methods of covering the news.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the attendance of the executive director at the Leadership Conference in Chicago in February.

The council approved a motion permitting the executive director to circularize the Society membership concerning a golf tour to Scotland in May.

Dr. Dallis announced the Society Meeting of December 15 is the Annual Meeting and there will be election of officers, presentation of the Doctor of the Year Award, and presentation of a 50-year award to Dr. A. W. Miglets.

Dr. Dallis announced that installation of officers will be at the January 19 meeting of the Society and there will also be some entertainment.

Dr. Dallis closed the meeting by thanking the members of Council for their cooperation during the past year and expressing his appreciation for their valued assistance.

50-YEAR AWARD TO DR. MIGLETS

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JANUARY 19 — EKG ADVANCED COURSE "Conduction Defects Below the AV Node", 7:30 a.m. Classroom #2, Tod Babies and Childrens Hospital, F. W. Kunkel, M.D.

JANUARY 28 — INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS "Sleep Disturbances", 8 a.m. Hitchcock Auditorium, South Unit. Helmut Schmidt, M.D., director of Sleep Lab at OSU.

FEBRUARY 2 — EKG ADVANCED COURSE "Anatomical Variants and Pre-Ecitation", 7:30 p.m., Classroom #2, Tod Babies and Childrens Hospital. W. H. Bunn, M.D.

FEBRUARY 4 — ALL DIVISIONS VISITING PROFESSOR "The Use of Tracheostomy, Endotracheal Tubes, Etc.", 8 a.m., Hitchcock Auditorium, South Unit. Edward Klein, M.D., professor of Critical Care Medicine in Anesthesia, Chapel Hill, N.C.

FEBRUARY 6 — CANCER LECTURE, 9 a.m., Hitchcock Auditorium, speaker and topic to be announced.

FEBRUARY 13 — "INITIAL RESUSITATION OF THE TRAUMA PATIENT", 9 a.m., Hitchcock Auditorium, South Unit. Ronald L. Krome, Chief of Emergency Medicine, Detroit Receiving Hospital-University Health Center.

FEBRUARY 16 — EKG ADVANCED COURSE "Conduction Abnormalities in the AV Node", 7:30 a.m., Classroom #2, Tod Babies and Childrens Hospital. S. Barolsky, M.D.

An Advanced CPR Course will be held March 6-7, May 1-2, August 21-22, Oct. 16-17, and December 11-12. It is sponsored by the Youngstown Hospital Association and the American Heart Association, jointly. It is open to physicians, nurses, paramedical personnel and medical students.

At least two weeks advance registration is required, along with a basic CPR certificate. Information is available by contacting Dr. Ramiro Albaran, P.O., Box 4358, Youngstown 44515 or calling 788-5855.

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Two seminars, part of the Human Values in Medicine program, are being presented by Northeastern Ohio Universities college of Medicine away from the campus. They are:

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DEALING WITH DEATH/SUICIDE — Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Finnegan Auditorium at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. Program presenter is Edwin Shneidman, Ph.D., professor of Thanatology and Director of the Laboratory for the Study of Life-Threatening Behavior of UCLA.

Cost for each seminar is \$30.00 without CME credit and \$40.00 for CME Category I credit. Information is available by calling 747-2247 from Youngstown or writing NEOUCOM, 4209 St. Rt. 44, Rootstown 44272.

INSTALLATION BANQUET IS JANUARY 19

Dr. D. J. Dallis will be honored as outgoing president at the annual Installation Banquet of the Mahoning County Medical Society, Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Youngstown Club. Dr. R. M. Kiskaddon, 1982 president, will be installed, along with all council members, delegates and alternate delegates to the Ohio State Medical Association.

Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to be preceded by a social period at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wives and husbands of members are invited, as are any guests members may wish to bring. All members are urged to attend.

NURSE RE-ENTRY COURSE OFFERED

A fifteen week refresher course for inactive registered nurses will begin Feb. 2 at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. The 15-week course will feature one six hour day per week of theory and two six-hour days per week of clinical work for a total of 18 hours per week.

Criteria for entrance to the course is a commitment to return to work, current license in Ohio or Pennsylvania, interview with a representative of the sponsoring Mahoning Shenango Area Health Education Network and a cooperating hospital, liability insurance and prior nursing experience.

Cost of the course is \$325 plus the cost of textbooks. Hospitals cooperating for the clinical portion of the course are: Northern Columbiana County Community Hospital, St. Elizabeth Hospital, St. Joseph Riverside, Trumbull Memorial, Warren General, and Youngstown Hospital Association. Information and applications can be obtained at MSAHEN, 34 West Spring Street, Youngstown 44502.

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In Memoriam

H. BRYAN HUTT, M.D.**1913 - 1981**

Dr. H. Bryan Hutt, 68, former chief of the pediatrics division of YHA, died December 13 in Carol Woods Infirmary, Chapel Hill, N.C. after a long illness.

Dr. Hutt was born in Mt. Pleasant, N.C. and received his undergraduate degree at University of South Carolina. He was a graduate of the Medical College of South Carolina and served his internship with Youngstown Hospital Association. He served residencies with Babies and Childrens Hospital and City Hospital of Cleveland.

He served as Chief of Pediatrics at YHA from 1962 to 1966, was appointed to the post again in 1968. He was a member of the courtesy staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, a member of the American Board of Pediatrics, the Mahoning County Medical Society and Ohio State Medical Association, and a Fellow of the Academy International of Medicine.

Dr. Hutt had two years of general practice in Alexandria, Va. after completing his internship in 1940 and then served during World War II as a major in the Medical Corps.

In Youngstown, Dr. Hutt was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Youngstown Area Chamber of Commerce, and Youngstown Country Club.

A THOUGHT TO SHARE
Fashion, Fad, or Foolishness?

Probably in all areas of the healing art, one witnesses the enthusiastic introduction of a drug or technique. Then, in a cycle, comes acceptance, broad application, decline, and abandonment.

Ophthalmology offers its full quota of examples of these cycles. Cataract surgery, the most common eye operation, was revolutionized only a few decades ago with the advent of INTRACAPSULAR extraction. Previously, the tough lens capsule had been broken and the softer cortical material expressed or irrigated, an EXTRACAPSULAR extraction. Especially if substantial cortical material was left in the capsular "bag", there was a tendency for the lens remnants to opacify and the term "secondary cataract" was commonly heard. With the introduction of the INTRACAPSULAR technique, the lens was removed as a unit, the entire encapsulated cortex as a neat package. No more secondary cataract. But this did leave the fragile vitreous face exposed as the older technique had not done.

Since the introduction of microscopic control we now observe, more and more, a return to the former EXTRACAPSULAR technique. A careful cleaning of cortical material from the capsular bag has reduced the secondary opacities. The bag is a convenient (and physiologic) place to tuck an artificial lens.

Similar rises and declines could be quoted for intraocular lenses, scleral contact lenses, and many others. The adaption of these new techniques often involves substantial outlay in training and equipment.

There must be a lesson, a moral. Defining that moral is a bit more difficult. None of us desires to be old fashioned or out of date in his treatment or his thinking. Yet we also desire to avoid passing fads and foolish fashion. Perhaps the moral was well expressed by Alexander Pope in 1711

In words, as in fashions, the same rule will hold

Alike fantastic, if too new or old:

Be not the first by whom the new are tried,

Nor yet the last to lay the old aside.

George B. Pugh, M.D.

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What else are physicians doing? Minimizing their patients' hospital stays, whenever possible. Reevaluating routine admissions procedures. Questioning the real need of the diagnostic tests they order for their patients. Avoiding duplicate testing. Trying to discourage their patients' demands for unnecessary medication, treatment or hospitalization. Compiling daily logs of their medical decisions and what they cost. And more.

More physicians today realize what a tough problem we're all faced with. They know this is a challenge for medicine. And that physicians are in the best position to deal with and solve the problem.

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Lately, this office has been having some difficulty in having to back-track and investigate an accidental death of which we were not previously notified.

Occasionally, a member of this society unknowingly takes it upon himself to sign a death certificate that he should not have signed. In order to enlighten the members of this society, I would like to inform that all accidental deaths, regardless of the interval of time between the accident and death, come under the jurisdiction of the Coroner's office.

While on the subject of death certificates, I would like to take this opportunity to review the classification of a coroner's case. In addition to the aforementioned accidental type of death, the other classifications are as follows:

NATURAL DEATHS — One who is apparently in good health, does suddenly, and has not been recently seen by a physician.

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Occasionally, a transfer patient out of Mahoning County's jurisdiction is admitted to a local county hospital. That death, should it come under the above classification, is also under our jurisdiction.

When any doctor is in doubt as to whether or not he should sign a death certificate, I would like him to feel free to call this office for any clarification that is needed.

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From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1932

The *Bulletin* proudly observed its first anniversary. It had the same Editor (J. L. Fisher, M.D.) but E. R. Thomas was the new business manager. In order to conform to some Chamber of Commerce rule on soliciting advertising the masthead announced subscription rates at \$2.00 a year, 25 cents a copy. No member ever paid that, and the *Bulletin* did not cost the Society a dime. Our good advertisers paid all the expense.

They did not come running to do so. The Committee had to cajole, threaten, and twist arms, but it was a little easier than the first year.

A. E. Brant was President, John Paul Harvey Vice-President (no President-Elect then). Bill Skipp was Secretary and W. X. Taylor Treasurer.

The late Dr. McClenahan recommended that all mothers should have annual pelvic examinations for the early detection of cancer. It was a new idea. Papanicolou was probably a young man studying medicine then.

FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1942

The country was at war. We were not entirely unprepared. We had known ever since Dunkirk that it was coming, yet the attack on Pearl Harbor was a great shock, and the nation was aroused. The Medical Society was quick to pledge its support to the war effort and every doctor was wondering what part he would play in the great drama.

We were soon informed what was expected. Every doctor under 45 years of age was ordered to volunteer for duty with the armed forces. Only the ones over age 45, physically unfit or essential to industrial production were exempt. Family ties, personal obligations or precious plans were inconsequential. Every doctor was on the spot, and the common question when doctor met doctor in the staff room was "What are you going to do about the war?"

William Hiram Evans was President-Elect. He earned his position by long years of service to the society and was due for recognition. But fate intervened. When the time came for him to serve as President in 1943, he was a Commander in the Navy on active duty in the Pacific Theatre. He is the only President of the Medical Society who served in absentia. More about that later.

George McKelvey was the new Secretary to replace John Noll who was soon to leave for active duty with the Army. Elmer Nagel was re-elected as Treasurer.

New members that month were Milton M. Kendall and Edward R. Brody of Youngstown and John H. Thomas of Poland.

All the doctors received a questionnaire from the Procurement and Assignment Service, and a blank form to fill out offering to serve in the armed forces wherever needed. Most of the doctors ignored the blank form and applied for the service of their choice or showed evidence of their being essential to home industry.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1952

C. A. Gustafson was President. Vernon Goodwin was President-Elect. He had served the society for years as Secretary and Delegate. G. E. DeCicco was Secretary and Delegate. G. E. DeCicco was Secretary and A. K. Phillips the Treasurer. Delegates were W. M. Skipp, J. D. Brown and Ivan Smith. Alternates were M. W. Neidus, S. W. Ondash and Asher Randell.

The meeting place was changed from the Elks Club to the Ballroom of the Pick-Ohio Hotel at \$100 per meeting. New members that month were Robert L. Tornello, Robert A. Brown and Leon L. Bernstein.

Health Commissioner Walter Tims reported that in 1951 there were 55 cases of polio in Youngstown and 24 in Mahoning County. This was the highest in 20 years. There were three deaths and much crippling. Eleven cases were still in the hospital.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—JANUARY, 1962

Charles Stertzbach was President, Asher Randell President-Elect, C. E. Pichette Secretary, Harlan McGregor Treasurer and Ben Berg Editor of the *Bulletin*.

The new cover (drawn by Ben) showed a galloping horse drawing a chaise (shay) containing a frantic doctor. They were racing with a stork carrying a bundled infant and they were neck and neck. It was a terrific cover.

The Mahoning County Medical Society was the first in the U.S.A. to conduct a mass immunization program against Poliomyelitis, using the new Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine. 134,761 persons were immunized.

Robert Fisher was President of the Academy of General Practice. Michael Kachmer was a new member. B. B. Burrowes was appointed City Physician.

Twelve new members attended an indoctrination dinner meeting at the Youngstown Club. They were: J. E. Might, R. A. Hernandez, Joseph Mersol, W. J. Cleary, P. E. Longaker, J. S. Bates, R. J. Brocker, J. J. Anderson, H. P. Bauer, W. B. Dodgson, Engelbert Hecker and Nicholas Kastellorios.

Leonard Blum was retiring and Youngstown was looking for a new Health Commissioner. There were 59 cases of varicella, 36 of mumps, 7 Scarlet Fever, 12 Tuberculosis, 25 Gonorrhea and 3 of Syphilis. No Polio or Typhoid and no Smallpox.

It was a New Year blessed with hope and courage. Doctors were busy trying to heal the sick. Competition was keen and each was trying to excel. When doctors strive to excel, their patients' benefit.

TEN YEARS AGO—JANUARY, 1972

The Centennial Year had arrived! The Mahoning County Medical Society was 100 years old, and still hale and hearty. It was not entirely fortuitous that our foremost Historian, Dr. John Melnick was Editor of the *Bulletin* that year. New President was Dr. Henry Holden, the first black physician to be elected to the Presidency of the Society and the members couldn't have selected a more distinguished or more poised member to represent the Society that special year. He served with wisdom, tact, and diplomacy through many extra meetings and duties there were required of that Centennial Year.

The Society had announced a contest for a design or "Logo" to be used for the Centennial activities, and the winning design was submitted by Mrs. Henry Holden, wife of our new President. It consisted of a modification of the great seal of the state of Ohio, with a caduceus in the center, steel mills in the foreground and surrounded by a circular wreath of peace, with a large "100" at the bottom. It became the frontispiece for the cover of the "Bulletin" for the entire year.

New President-Elect was C. E. Pichette with K. M. Lloyd Treasurer and G. H. Dietz as Secretary. Delegates were C. E. Pichette, Jack Schreiber, John Melnick and F. A. Pesa.

Fifty-year awards were given (at the December meeting) to Dr. Edgar Baker, Dr. Wm. H. Evans and Dr. Richard Middleton. The presentation was made by Dr. Maurice Lieber of Canton, who was 6th District Councilor of the OSMA.

Special activities were planned for the Centennial year. These included a dinner-dance, a Medical-Legal golf outing, and a "Meeting of the Century". But more about that later.

New active members that month were R. A. Bacani, Ben C. Bonarigo, Y. T. Chiu, C. A. Crans, Paul and Marie Krupko, and M. F. Sheridan. New Associate members were K. M. Caldwell, C. O. Cerreuela, D. G. Corredor, Joseph S. Gregori, S. S. Husain, H. S. Hwang, Yiechul Jung, Dong S. Lee, Paul J. Mahar, Jr. and George L. River.

It was sure to be a memorable year!

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"THE DOCTORS TEAM"

We are not talking of the Husband-Wife team or the Respiratory team, but a soccer team, which was known in the Youngstown area as the "dreadful" Doctors team. Last June, Darryl Domenick, Assistant Director of Respiratory Therapy of Youngstown Hospital Association, approached a few of us to play soccer in the newly-created Greater Youngstown area soccer league. I was literally forced to become the field Captain and somewhat of a recruiter and coach of the team. Fortunately, we had a few players who were young enough and fit enough to run for 5 to 10 minutes at a time. Then came the new recruits. We persuaded everybody that looked half alive to play for us. We approached Dr. Jose Gonzales something like this: "Hi Jose! How are you? Would you like to play soccer for our team?" I could see the disbelief on the face of Jose. "Well, I have not touched a soccer ball for 20 years", answered Jose. "Look here", I apologetically repeated myself, "if you have only played once in your life, that is good enough for us. We are in need of some living bodies." So, one by one, we got Drs. Nazim Jaffer (a good forward trained in Ireland), Ata Ulhaq (a pathology resident), Suman Mishr, Oscar Trujillo, Faiz Behsudi, John Politis and Jose Gonzales. Some other employees of YHA also joined us and we finally had 15 players who could show up for practice. The first day of practice was tough for everybody. Dr. John Politis almost lost his right foot during a rush for the ball. There were quite a few limps and at least one or two muscle tears but most of them were fortunately not serious. In early July came our first match against the vicious and blood thirsty "Austintown Animals". They kicked us in our stomachs and in the other delicate areas below the stomachs but we stood up like tigers and took all kinds of punishment. Dr. Mishr got so excited that he banged the ball with his hand just in front of our goal. Of course, touching the ball with your hand in that area means a direct penalty shot on our goal. Fortunately, our goal keeper stopped the ball. Then came our turn, a beautiful pass came from Nazim Jaffer to Oscar Trujillo who kicked it past the goalie into the opposition's net. We won our first game 2-0 which gave us confidence in our team. We played up to the middle of October. Our team had the best record of the league and won the tournament with 3-0 result. We were proud of our old bones and tired muscles. Our team became something like the Pittsburgh Steelers of the Youngstown soccer league. We were the dreadful Doctors team. For something that started as fun ended up as a serious team that won the league championship. In the process we all had fun and improved our cardiovascular system. Anybody who is interested in breaking a leg or arm, should get in touch with me. We need some bold souls as next year the other teams are going to be after our skins. I am really very grateful to all members of our team for taking part in a very enjoyable season of soccer.

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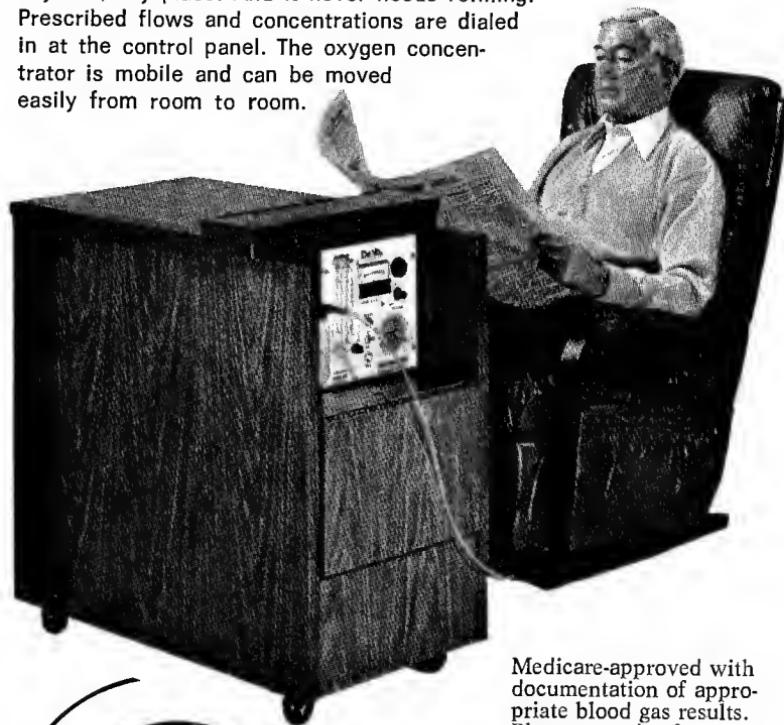
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